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GENEVA FOR PHELAN, BRUSSELS FOR USEC

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SUBJECT:TEXTILES

1. DEPT OF COMMERCE HAS RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FROM US
EXPORTER UNITED MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS (UMM)
CORROBORATED BY ANOTHER EXPORTER THAT "MORE AND MORE LARGE,
PROMINENT FASHION FIRMS IN GERMANY HAVE THEIR GARMENTS
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PRODUCED IN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THESE GERMAN
FIRMS BUY THEIR FABRIC, TRIMMINGS, ZIPPERS AND SHIP
EVERYTHING TO THE EAST EUROPEAN FIRM OF THEIR CHOICE FOR
FABRICATION INTO GARMENTS. FABRICS ORIGINATING IN THE
UNITED STATES MAY NOT BE SHIPPED INTO SUCH COUNTRIES.
ONLY FABRICS OF COMMON MARKET OR EFTA ORIGIN MAY BE
SUPPLIED. THIS IS A RULING IMPOSED BY THE WEST GERMAN

GOVERNMENT. THE GERMAN PRODUCERS ARE PERFECTLY WILLING, IN SOME CASES EVEN EAGER, TO BUY AMERICAN TEXTILES -- BUT THEY SIMPLY CAN NOT DO SO BECAUSE OF THIS LAW OR RULING. IN FACT, I UNDERSTAND, THERE ARE HEAVY FINES IF A GERMAN FIRM DOES NOT LIVE UP TO THIS RULING." WE UNDERSTAND THAT UMM HAS ALSO RAISED ISSUE WITH FRG BUNDESAMT FUER GEWERBLICHE WIRTSCHAFT.

2. FYI WE SUSPECT THAT UMM'S PROBLEM MAY STEM FROM EEC RULES OF ORIGIN END FYI. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY

INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE. PLEASE DO NOT CITE UMM AS SOURCE OF COMPLAINT IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH FRG OFFICIALS. VANCE

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